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LETTER DATED 17 JANUARY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, during the period from 1 to 9 January 1994, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi national airspace for the purpose of observation and provocation and in order to drop heat flares.

1 January 1994

(a) Northern region: No hostile air activity was recorded in the northern region on 1 January 1994.

(b) Southern region: 48 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Samawah, Shatrah, Jalibah, Busayyah and Artawi.

2 January 1994

(a) Northern region: No hostile air activity was recorded in the northern region on 2 January 1994.

(b) Southern region: two sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Jalibah, Busayyah and Artawi.

3 January 1994

(a) Northern region: No hostile air activity was recorded in the northern region on 3 January 1994.

(b) Southern region: 47 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Basra, Qurnah, Busayyah, Artawi, Nasiriyah, Samawah and Jalibah.

4 January 1994

(a) Northern region: 30 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Tall Afar, Ayn Zalah, Amadiyah, Aqrah and Dohuk.

(b) Southern region: 50 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h, centred on Basra, Qurnah, Samawah, Khidr, Busayyah, Jalibah, Salman, Lasaf, Nasiriyah and Qal'at Salih.

5 January 1994

(a) Northern region: 22 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Dukan, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 44 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Artawi, Qal'at Salih and Busayyah.

6 January 1994

(a) Northern region: 20 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 64 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih and Busayyah.

- At 1225 hours on 6 January 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Jalibah and Samawah. It departed at 1455 hours, heading in the direction of Saudi Arabian airspace.

7 January 1994

(a) Northern region: 16 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Jalibah, Salman and Artawi.

- At 1144 hours on 7 January 1994, a hostile two-aircraft formation, flying at medium altitude, dropped four incendiary flares on the Qush area north of Mosul in Ninawa Governorate.

- At 1145 hours on 7 January 1994, a hostile formation dropped four heat flares 5 km to the east of the Saddam Dam lake in Ninawa Governorate.

8 January 1994

(a) Northern region: No hostile activity was recorded in the northern region on 8 January 1994.

(b) Southern region: 38 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi, the area south of Najaf, the area south of Diwaniyah, Jalibah, Qurnah, Salman and Busayyah.

- At 1206 hours on 8 January 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over Qurnah in Basra Governorate. It departed at 1430 hours, heading in the direction of Saudi Arabian airspace.

9 January 1994

(a) Northern region: 27 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 27 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Samawah, Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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